

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his kind allowance of the subject matter of Claims 8-10. New Claims 13-15 incorporate the subject matter of the allowed claims 8, 9 and 10 as follows. Claim 13 incorporates the subject matter of Claim 8, which depends from Claim 3 which depends from Claim 1; Claim 14 incorporates the subject matter of Claim 9 which depends from Claim 1; and Claim 15 incorporates the subject matter of Claim 10 which depends from Claim 1. Original Claims 1-12 have been canceled. No new matter has been introduced as a result of this amendment.

This Preliminary Amendment and simultaneously filed RCE acts to withdraw from the Appeal filed on June 4, 2001.

Request for Allowance

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.


Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will place the Application in better condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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